

(Asheville Gazette-News.)

The Gazette-News acknowledges an invitation to the third banquet of the Greater Hendersonville club, to take place this evening. This club is one of the liveliest features in a very lively town. Under its leadership we expect the neighbor city will achieve things undreamed of before the new year closes.

#### Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our bereaved Brother, W. A. Garren, his mother, be it

Resolved, That White Pine Camp No. 213, W. O. W. extend to him our heart felt sympathy in his sad hour of bereavement.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each local paper, one to Bro. Garren, and spread on the minutes of our camp.

R. L. RUSHER.  
L. V. LYDA,  
R. V. LADD,  
Committee.

#### Improvement in Mrs. Parker's Condition.

Late advices from the Mission hospital, Asheville, report a slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. F. M. Walker, who suffered serious burns here Sunday last.

#### Mr. Vernon Murray Draws Lucky Number in Contest at C. E. Wilson's Store.

The lively contest for the beautiful set of china given away by the Wilson Department store closed Saturday day night, when it was announced that out of the numerous contestants Mr. Vernon Murray was the favored one, having drawn the lucky number which happened to be 1333. The dishes were promptly sent down to Mrs. Murray and she is greatly delighted over her husband's good luck in drawing such a handsome set of dishes.

## What the Charlotte Observer Has to Say apropos Greater Hendersonville Club's Unique Advertising

Speaking of city boosting, the newest form is the Knock Ironie. Hendersonville, "The Gem of the land of the Sky," seems to be the originator. The Greater Hendersonville Club has invited The Observer to a banquet tonight at the St. John Hotel. Mr. R. N. Willcox is president, Mr. B. Jackson first vice president, Mr. C. E. Willson, second vice president, and Mr. H. Stewart, sec'y-treasurer.

An enclosed card, entitled "Boost or Bust," contains the following assertions, which by way of contrast is the usual order of boosting literature makes pleasant reading:

We have the worst climate in the world.  
Our water isn't fit to drink.  
Instead of a narrow, unpaved Main Street, we need a wide asphalted thoroughfare.

We want attractive looking banks; not places that look like old junk shops.

Our hotels are unfit to take care of visitors. Anyway, we don't have enough visitors, summer or winter, to amount to anything.

Our school building is inadequate. There's not a bit of ornament or decoration on the bloomin' thing.

The Court House looks like—it looks fierce.

Laurel Park should be called Lemon Park. It's nothing but a swamp.

Our altitude is only 2250. Mt. Everest's is 29002 feet, so we are not much in that line.

California is noted for her climate, Maine for her stately pine trees, and the Canyons of Colorado are known the world over.

Italy is famous for her blue skies, Switzerland for her gorgeous mountain scenery, France for her sunshine, Scotland for her lakes, Holland for her cleanliness, and Spain for her beautiful women.

Brooklyn, N. Y., is known as the City of Churches, Springfield, Ill., as the Flower City, Philadelphia as the City of Brotherly Love, and Washington, the City of Magnificent Distances.

Poor little Hendersonville is and has only ALL of these things combined.

Boost or bust, Boys! We're not in the running at all. Let's BUST!

#### Miscellaneous Shower in Honor of Miss Bennett.

In honor of the bride-to-be, Miss Le-Norah Bennett, Mrs. Amos Bennett entertained at a miscellaneous shower on Friday afternoon. The parlor was prettily decorated in the holiday colors of green and red. In the dining room a color motif of pink and white was adhered to. In the center of the table was a miniature bride in a setting of pink and white chrysanthemums. Shaded candles in pink and white gave a very effective touch to the table decorations.

The manner of showering the gifts was unique. An old colored woman appeared at the opportune moment, attired as a laundress, carrying a large laundry basket in which were hidden many pretty and useful gifts. About twenty guests were present.

#### A DUEL IN HENDERSONVILLE.

It would seem that the old fashioned gentlemanly custom of settling grievances by means of the duel has been revived in Hendersonville. Just as the paper was in the act of going to press, two colored gentlemen of the "younger society set," Wilson Fletcher and Will Dean by name, employed at the grocery store of S. Maxwell & Co., became engaged in a lively dispute. Will Dean, the smaller of the two, fung a gentlemanly challenge in the face of the offending party Will Fletcher, that he come around behind the store, and out of sight of the cop, and settle the difference according to the manner of gentlemen. Arrived at the spot, as the story goes, Mister Fletcher threatened to "gash" Mister Dean.

Mr. Dean with the courage of the true-born duellist told Mister Fletcher to "come ahead."

Well, to make a long story short, he did—much to the present



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sorrow and mortification of the challenger. The cut is an ugly one, extending from one ear half way round the neck and it required a number of deft and skillful stitches at the hands of good Dr. Brown to repair the damage and get Mr. Dean in a half way presentable shape.

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